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SUBJECT: ODDS AND ENDS

1. I HAVE TALKED TO DAVE KRASLOW. IT IS NOT AS STARTLING
AS I HAD EXPECTED. ACCORDING TO DAVE, CONNALLY HAS TOLD
HIM THAT ON THE SATURDAY AFTER YOUR RETURN FROM AFRICA
YOU CALLED CONNALLY AND TALKED FOR SOME 20 MINUTES WITH
HIM BY TELEPHONE; KRASLOW ASSUMES YOU PURSUED THE SAME
COURSE WITH OTHERS. ACCORDING TO CONNALLY, DURING THE

'PHONE CALL YOU ASKED WHETHER YOUR AFRICAN TRIP OR ANYTHING
YOU HAD DONE ON THE AFRICAN TRIP HAD COST FORD THE TEXAS
PRIMARY. CONNALLY SAYS HE TOLD YOU THAT THAT WAS UNDER NO
CIRCUMSTANCES THE CASE AND THAT HE HAD TOLD FORD SOME TIME
BEFORE THE AFRICA TRIP THAT HE WAS GOING TO LOSE TEXAS
(DESCRIBING AMONGST OTHER ITEMS THE HEAVY ABSENTEE BALLOT
VOTE). CONNALLY SAYS YOU TOLD HIM THAT "THEY" ARE TRYING
TO BLAME ME FOR IT (THE TEXAS LOSS). YOU ASKED CONNALLY
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WHETHER YOU SHOULD RESIGN AND CONNALLY REPLIED NO, TO DO

SO NOW WOULD BE PERCEIVED AS A MAJOR FORD WEAKNESS AND WOULD BE VIEWED AS IF YOU HAD BEEN FIRED. CONNALLY REPORTEDLY SAID TO YOU THAT HE HAD TOLD YOU A YEAR AGO YOU SHOULD RESIGN BUT THAT WAS NOT NOW HIS ADVICE.

2. KRASLOW WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU, ON BACKGROUND, ABOUT THIS WHOLE MATTER AFTER YOUR RETURN. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WITH WHOM OTHER THAN CONNALLY YOU DISCUSSED THE MATTERS THAT YOU RAISED WITH CONNALLY; HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHO "THEY" ARE THAT ARE BLAMING YOU, ETC. HE WANTS TO DO A CAREFUL PIECE AND, AS I INDICATED ABOVE, WOULD HANDLE IT ALL ON BACKGROUND IF THAT IS WHAT YOU WISH.

3. WHAT SHOULD I TELL KRASLOW? MY OWN ADVICE IS THAT YOU SHOULD SEE HIM. HE IS A DECENT MAN, HE LIKES YOU AND HE WOULD DO A SYMPATHETIC PIECE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT MAY BE A SUBJECT YOU WOULD PREFER NOT GET INTO PRINT.

4. I HAVE CALLED YOUR BROTHER AND PASSED ON OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE POTOMAC ARTICLE BY COYNE. HE HAS DECIDED NOT TO DO THE INTERVIEW.

5. I HAVE TOLD SISCO TO PREPARE A JOINT MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT WITH SCRANTON ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE AND GET IT OVER TO THE WHITE HOUSE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.

6. I HAVE TALKED TO CARL MAW ABOUT THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS PIECE. CARL DENIES EVER HAVING INDICATED IN ANY SENSE TO ANYONE THAT HE WAS IN NEGOTIATION ON YOUR BEHALF. HE THEN CALLED GRUSON AT THE TIMES AND WAS TOLD THAT THE TIMES HAS BEEN DENYING THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS PIECE ALL DAY AND WILL CONTINUE TO DENY IT.

7. I HAVE PASSED ON TO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE TALKED TO DOBRYNIN ABOUT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S HAVING THE AMBASSADOR AT LUNCH. ROBINSON

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